

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes of course it will. It is not their business to know or create a program that limits how many times I want to copy a program for my own personal use. If I purchase these astronically expensive digital tv sets, I the public should be able to decide what, when, and how I copy programs and information.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? These files are so big, it is hard to send them. Not many people are going to take the time out to send these programs across their home network and suck up bandwidth where they can't do anything else until the file is completely sent.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Probably. These companies would create services that are non-backwards compatible so that if people wanted to watch what they have been watching for years and years, they would have to purchase new equipment.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Of course it would. On top of that, people aren't going to to buy new technology equipment with limitations to it, especially when they already have equipment that doesn't restrict them in this way.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

It will increase cost to the public for something we don't want or need. The courts have said we have the right to "time-shift" and "space-shift."

Other Comments:

The public does not need any interference or invasion of privacy by the government, MPAA, RIAA, or any multi-media corporation in the privacy of their own homes. There are many more good citizens out here that don't break laws and pirate content, then there are who do break the laws. We don't want to take the fall and lose our rights because the MPAA, RIAA and any technological company that would create this type of technology are too close minded to change their own outdated business practices.